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### CJCC MISSION

The Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) was established in 2002. The mission of the CJCC is to enhance public safety and the effective and efficient administration of the criminal justice system in Waukesha County through community collaboration by ensuring offender accountability and providing rehabilitative services, while supporting the rights and needs of victims.

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## Message from the CJCC Chairman

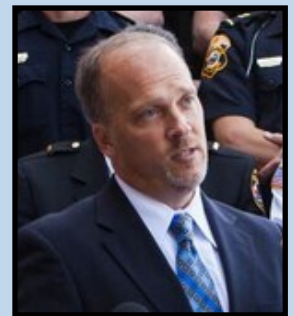


Presiding Judge Lloyd V. Carter

Welcome to the spring 2014 edition of *Justice Connections*! In honor of National Drug Court Month in May and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of drug courts, this issue is dedicated to highlighting opiate abuse prevention, intervention and education. Featured articles include: a state grant awarded to the CJCC to sustain the Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court program; another successful prescription drug collection; public service announcements airing on the opiate abuse epidemic; and a success story featuring a recent drug court graduate.

Opiate abuse continues to be a significant problem in our community. Although heroin and other opiate-related deaths decreased in Waukesha County in 2013, the number is still too high. Oconomowoc, Muskego, New Berlin, Brookfield and Menomonee Falls have held community forums to raise awareness about the opiate epidemic and increase efforts to combat the problem. Waukesha County District Attorney Brad Schimel has spoken at a majority of these forums in support of efforts to work together as a community to help reduce the number of people affected by the disease of addiction.

The CJCC will continue to support evidence-based practices within our local criminal justice system that assist offenders in overcoming their addictions, which will result in lives saved, increased public safety and reduced recidivism.



District Attorney Brad Schimel

## CJCC Awarded TAD Grant to Fund Drug Court

In January, Waukesha County was awarded a Treatment, Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice for \$142,883 to fund the county's drug court program. This is fantastic news, as it allows Waukesha County to resume enrollments, hire an additional case manager to reduce or eliminate the wait list and best of all,



sustain the program for at least two years beyond the end of the federal grant in September.

The state continues to invest in treatment courts. The 2013-15 state budget allocated \$3 million in the TAD grant program. The grants provide continued funding for nine existing TAD sites and 13 counties. Last April, Governor Walker signed Act 197, which nearly doubles funding for TAD programs, allowing an additional 10 to 15 new programs to receive funding.

## Waukesha County's Drug Collection is a Success

In recent years, Waukesha County's Metro Drug Unit has seen an increase in the number of people abusing prescribed pharmaceuticals. The high that individuals get from the prescription drugs is similar to that of heroin, making them a direct gateway to the illegal substance. In an effort to prevent recreational use of these drugs, Waukesha County, in partnership with Waukesha County Drug Free Communities, hosted a drug collection on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Residents from 3,980 households dropped off 6,416 pounds of medications at designated collection sites in Brookfield, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Muskego, New Berlin, Pewaukee, Waukesha and Oconomowoc. The sites were staffed with 234 volunteers who worked 864 hours to help make the event a success.**

The goal of the program is to dispose of unused medications in an effort to reduce prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings in

Waukesha County, protect local waterways and create awareness of the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Since the program began in 2009, more than 30,000 pounds of medications have been collected and properly disposed.

"Many people don't understand the dangers of using prescription drugs recreationally. People believe that the drugs are safe and not addictive because they are prescribed by a doctor. Removing unused and unwanted drugs from your home is an important first step in preventing abuse," said Captain Frank McElderry, commander of the



Waukesha County Metro Drug Unit. "Educating citizens is very important," McElderry said.

"Unfortunately, most people are either unaware or in denial about the intentional abuse of prescribed medicines. The prescription drug collection program is an important and proactive step to prevent future abuse."

The drugs were collected under the supervision of local police and the Waukesha County Metro Drug Enforcement Unit. The collected drugs were escorted by law enforcement to an incinerator and properly destroyed.

The program is partially funded through a partnership with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and ProHealth Care and donations from community organizations, businesses and individuals.

The partners plan to continue to hold drug collections annually. For more information and future collection dates, please visit the drug collection website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/drugcollection).

## PSA on Opiate Epidemic & Waukesha County's Drug Court

**Defense attorney Craig Kuhary recently spearheaded a radio campaign to bring awareness to the community about the opiate abuse epidemic in Waukesha County and how drug courts are a proven solution in the fight against addiction.** Kuhary, District Attorney Brad Schimel, and Wisconsin Community Services Administrator Sara Carpenter were interviewed for the sixty-second segment, which has been airing on ESPN Wisconsin radio stations since April 10, 2014. The segment can be heard on the CJCC website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov/cjcc](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/cjcc).

There are plans for two additional public service announcements (PSAs) that will feature a mother who lost her son to a heroin overdose and a plea for community contributions to sustain the capacity of the drug court program, which may be reduced once federal funding ends on September 30, 2014. If you would like to make a donation to help support the drug court program, please visit [www.wisconsin.org](http://www.wisconsin.org).

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## CJCC Participates in Evidence-Based Decision Making Summit

Seven members of the CJCC and judiciary participated in the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Summit on January 28 – 29, 2014 in Madison, which was co-sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ). The two-day summit was facilitated by staff from NIC and the Center for Effective Public Policy, and introduced NIC's *Evidence-Based Decision Making Framework*, which "conceptualizes a criminal justice system guided by goals defined and shared by policymakers, decisions informed by research evidence, a collaborative policy development process, and ongoing data collection and analysis."

The EBDM Summit was designed to address the importance of statewide evidence-based decision making to achieve improved criminal justice outcomes and reduce the harm that crime causes Wisconsin's communities. Following the Summit, DOJ plans to work with NIC to implement the EBDM initiative statewide.

Antwayne Robertson, Director of Waukesha County's Department of Health and Human Services, participated

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in the Summit and commented, **"The Wisconsin EBDM Summit was an invaluable experience. The Summit generated excitement, enthusiasm and perspicacity among our EBDM team. The key concepts that intrigued me were transformative change, data driven management and actuarial research, which are key components to the evidence-based model methodology. In addition, the EBDM Summit provided practical and relevant information, materials and recognition that can be applied seamlessly to our current CJCC structure."**

For more information on NIC's *EBDM Framework*, please visit [www.nicic.gov/ebdm](http://www.nicic.gov/ebdm).

## Celebrating 25 Years of Drug Courts

**The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) is celebrating the 25th anniversary of drug courts and criminal justice reform.** The implementation of drug courts sparked a fundamental change in how courts respond to drug addicts or alcoholics proving that treatment and accountability work.

As part of NADCP's celebration, [NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams](#) featured an in-depth look at drug courts and [National Public Radio's Weekend Edition](#) featured an interview with NADCP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) West Huddleston about the anniversary celebration.

Today, drug courts provide a



successful response to addiction, transform lives, reduce crime, reunite families and save tax-dollars. More than 2,840 drug courts operate in all 50 states and U.S. territories and 142,000 drug-addicted individuals are successfully treated every year. Governors across the country are in-

vesting in drug courts to reduce exorbitant prison spending and aid citizens in dire need of treatment. Drug courts are recognized as a key reason for prison populations declining.

Waukesha County's Alcohol Treatment Court, operating since 2006, has reduced the number of OWI repeat offenders by providing intensive monitoring and AODA treatment. Waukesha County's Drug Treatment Court started in 2012 and serves non-violent, high-risk, drug dependent offenders in an effort to advance public safety, reduce crime, reduce costs and improve individual and community health by providing intensive, integrated, evidence-based court supervision and comprehensive treatment services.

## Client Success Story: Drug Treatment Court Program

When "Tim's" battle with an opiate addiction caused him to lose his job, he began stealing from family, friends and stores to support his drug use and eventually faced felony drug possession charges. **Tim managed to get clean for several months before entering the Drug Treatment Court (DTC) but needed the guidance, structure and accountability of the program to help him stay on track and avoid relapse.** It was important to Tim to participate in DTC for the "right reasons." Tim said that the program made him think about his life and what he wanted in his future.

Initially Tim was overwhelmed with the program rules and expectations, full-time employment and sobriety but over time it became less difficult. With the help of his case manager at Wisconsin Community Ser-

vices, he learned how to balance all parts of his life and discovered a new group of supportive friends at Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings. By focusing on his goals and relying on the support of his new friends, Tim graduated from DTC in just one year and has maintained sobriety for more than two years. Tim continues to regularly attend NA meetings, check-in with the DTC program, speak publically about his DTC experiences and has had his felony charges dismissed.

The DTC program gave Tim a whole new outlook on life was valuable learning experience. He plans to maintain sobriety, stay involved with DTC and NA, and become an AODA youth volunteer and counselor to help others facing the same challenges.

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